

**Abstract**

A drive device for advancing an advancing element (2; 33) relative to a housing (1; 30) over a entire  
5 advancing distance (G) comprises a tensioning device  
having a tensioning element (3; 39) for tensioning a  
spring device (4). A predetermined distance (A) between  
the tensioning element (39) and the advancing element  
10 (33) or between the counter element (7) and the  
tensioning element (3) that engages with advancing  
element can be set according to the advancing of the  
advancing element (2; 33) by a partial advancing  
distance that is less than the entire advancing  
15 distance (G). According to a method for discharging a  
fluid product from a container (16) via an outlet (17),  
a plunger (18) is displaced inside the container (16)  
by means of a drive device provided with an advancing  
element (2; 33) and with a spring device (4), whereby  
the spring device (4) is tensioned by a tensioning  
20 device according to the advancing of the advancing  
element (2; 33) by a partial advancing distance.